

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A silver pigment, comprising a transparent, platelet-shaped substrate, having a refractive index  $\leq 1.9$ , and an average thickness of individual platelets within a standard deviation of  $\leq 20\%$ , and on said substrate a coating of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and optionally an outer protective layer, said pigment having a silver interference color, whereby said pigment exhibits color travel.
2. (Original) A silver pigment according to claim 1, wherein the  $\text{TiO}_2$  coating has a layer thickness of 5-300nm.
3. (Original) A silver pigment according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is an  $\text{SiO}_2$  platelet,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  platelet, a polymer platelet, a single crystal or a glass platelet.
4. (Original) A silver pigment according to claim 2, wherein the transparent platelet is an  $\text{SiO}_2$  platelet.
5. (Original) A silver pigment according to claim 1, wherein the average thickness of individual platelets is within a standard deviation of  $\leq 10\%$ .
6. (Currently Amended) A silver pigment according to claim 1, wherein the  $\text{TiO}_2$  is in the rutile modification.
7. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a silver pigment according to claim 1, comprising a coating of the substrate by wet-chemical methods, by hydrolytic decomposition of metal salts in aqueous medium or by thermal decomposition by a CVD or PVD process.
8. (Original) A process according to claim 7, wherein the  $\text{TiO}_2$  coating is matched to the substrate as to produce a silver interference color.
9. (Original) In a paint, coating, printing ink, security printing ink, plastic, button paste, ceramic material, glass, seed coating, dopant for laser marking of plastics

or papers, an additive for coloring of foods or pharmaceuticals or, cosmetic formulation comprising a pigment the improvement wherein the pigment is one according to claim 1.

10. (Original) A pigment composition comprising at least one binder, at least one silver pigment according to Claim 1, and optionally conventional additives.

11. (Original) A dry preparation comprising pellets, granules, chips or briquettes of a silver pigment according to claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented) A silver pigment, comprising a transparent, platelet-shaped substrate, having a refractive index  $\leq 1.9$ , and an average thickness of individual platelets within a standard deviation of  $\leq 20\%$ , and on said substrate a coating of  $\text{TiO}_2$  having a layer thickness of 5 – 300 nm and optionally an outer protective layer, whereby said pigment exhibits color travel.

13. (Previously Presented) A silver pigment, consisting of a transparent, platelet-shaped substrate, having a refractive index  $\leq 1.9$ , and an average thickness of individual platelets within a standard deviation of  $\leq 20\%$ , and on said substrate a coating of  $\text{TiO}_2$  having a layer thickness of 5 – 300 nm and optionally an outer protective layer, whereby said pigment exhibits color travel.

14. (Previously Presented) A silver pigment, comprising a transparent, platelet-shaped substrate, having a refractive index  $\leq 1.9$ , and an average thickness of individual platelets within a standard deviation of  $\leq 10\%$ , and on said substrate a coating consisting of  $\text{TiO}_2$  having a layer thickness of 5 – 300 nm and optionally an outer protective layer, whereby said pigment exhibits color travel.